we sample out a small category. We cannot get satisfactory results in respect of another basis of analysis. I should congratulate myself that there are 64 Tamil girls ready to work in a place like the Secretariat, 17 Telugu girls ready to work in a place like the Secretariat and there are 19 Malayalam girls which is no surprise to me." (Laughter.)

SRI S. JAYARAMA REDDIAR :—" We are not against the employment of women clerks. As far as possible, will the Hon. Chief Minister see that they are not entertained as personal clerks to the secretaries? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The previous question was based on a principle that we should be careful in selecting equally from various linguistic areas. The present question says that particular categories of employment should not be given to them. Well, in the Secretariat, girls have to be employed mostly in such kind of work and we cannot make them assistant secretaries."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are Government showing any concession, as far as educational qualifications are concerned, to these girl clerks when they offer themselves of posts, as against the male candidates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No concession at all is given to them, Sir."

Alleged exemption of the Commonwealth Factories in Malabar from the operations of sections 79 to 81 of the Factories Act.

* 1025 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the British-owned Commonwealth Factories of Malabar have been exempted by the Government in G.O. Ms. No. 2934, dated 31st May 1949, from the operations of sections 79 to 81 of the Factories Act, 1948, and if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Commonwealth Tile Factories at Olavakkot, Kodakkal, Feroke, Puthiyara, Jappoo, Kudroli and Malpe, the Commonwealth Engineering Works, Mangalore, the Commonwealth Weaving Factories at Kozhikode and Cannanore and the Commonwealth Hosiery Factory at Mangalore, were all exempted from the provisions of Sections 79 to 81 of the Factories Act, 1948. The reason for exemption is that the General Manager of the Commonwealth Trust, Limited, lodged with the Chief Inspector of Factories a leave scheme for these institutions which provide benefits which are not less favourable, to the workers than those under Chapter VIII of the Factories Act. The exemption is according to Section 84 of the Act."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sections 79, 80 and 81 relate to the recuperative leave that should be compulsorily given to the

workers. They are entitled to take 15 days' recuperative leave in a year as and when they choose. Now, factories are closed for boiler repairs and other works and the workers are forced to take leave. Is it open to the management, or the Government, according to the Government Order, to deny the recuperative leave and convert it into forced leave and if they do so, will it not be against the Factories Act itself?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Section 79 makes provision for lodging a scheme of leave prepared in agreement with the management, the workers of various factories or representatives of workers and with the Chief Inspector of Factories. The Chief Inspector of Factories examined the leave scheme and was satisfied that the agreed leave scheme conferred benefits on the workers not less favourable than those provided in Chapter VIII. The Government agreed with the Chief Inspector of Factories and in exercise of the powers conferred under the Act exempted the above factory. If, however, the hon. Member would tell me in what manner it is disadvantageous to the workers, the Government will certainly consider the question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"According to the Factories Act, the workers are entitled to take the leave when they choose. According to the Government Order they cannot take the leave when they choose. Moreover, the management are not giving so many other kinds of leave, for instance, in connection with festivals, August 15th Independence Day, and so on. The workers have to go on leave when the management wants them to go. So, I submit that the present Government Order is very much disadvantageous to the workers. May I request the Hon. Minister, whether under these circumstances, he will reconsider the question and cancel this Government Order?'

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"So far as I am concerned, I am not aware of any complaint from the workers against this scheme. My information is that the workers themselves have agreed to this scheme. I shall repeat that if the hon. Member gives me instances where the workers do not like this scheme, I shall certainly go into the question."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—"On account of the fact that these factories are owned by British interests and so leave a bad savour, may I know whether the Government will be prepared to remove this exemption?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"If I follow the advice of the hon. Member, the sufferers will be the workers themselves."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—"May I know what the extra benefits enjoyed by the workers are under this agreed scheme as against the ones contemplated under sections 79, 80 and 81?"

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like the hon. Member to put a separate question."

Quality and quantity of rice despatched from Vijayavada to Cannanore.

* 1026 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether he has received the copy of a letter, dated 24th March 1953, from the President of the Cannanore Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, No. CL 141/53, addressed to the Collector of Malabar, Kozhikode, about the shortage in quantity and bad quality of rice despatched from Vijayavada to Cannanore for distribution there; and if so, what action is proposed to be taken to set right the defects immediately?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. The matter is under investigation by the Government."

Quality and quantity of rice despatched from Vijayavada to Cannanore.

* 1027 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any letter or memoranda, dated 23rd and 24th March 1953, from Cannanore Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Malabar, complaining against the quality and the heavy shortage of rice despatched from Vijayavada, and if so, what action has been taken; and

(*b*) whether similar complaints have been received from other societies or any other quarter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes. The matter is under investigation by the Government.

" (*b*) Yes."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that the quantity of deficit is valued at Rs. 84,777 in Cannanore and Rs. 1,80,000 or so by 20 Producer-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Malabar last year? May I know what steps the Government propose to take to make good this loss? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, there have been large-scale shortages in the various consignments. The matter is now under investigation and we are taking all steps necessary to recoup the loss."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that rice sent from Vijayavada and classed as first sort was found to be useless and unfit for human consumption and so, much loss was sustained by the Movenchari P.C.C. and other societies? "